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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS**



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WESTHAMPTON**

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Town Clerk's Report

for the Year ending
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Births

1 Mar.	15	Cynthia Jean Fournier ✓
2 Mar.	24	Robert Arthur Church, Jr. ✓
3 Apr.	5	Rita Rose Balise ✓
4 May	19	Peter Edward Montague ✓
5 May	23	Linda Susan Munson ✓
6 June	30	Raymond Albert Witherell ✓
7 July	11	Helene Elizabeth Miller ✓
8 July	21	Donna Lee Witherell ✓
9 Sept.	17	Geoffrey Shimer Browne ✓
10 Oct.	3	Wayne Bruce Gardner ✓
11 Oct.	10	Thomas Edward Delisle ✓
12 Oct.	28	David Burt Lyman ✓
13 Nov.	9	Joyce Emma Fisher ✓

Deaths

1 Mar.	23	Richard B. Warren	69	7	5
2 Apr.	16	Herman G. Robitaille	66	3	
3 May	30	Albert Lyman Snow	91	6	6
4 Oct.	2	Arthur Hodder	75	1	19
5 Nov.	9	Lawrence Blakesley	35	2	26
6 Dec.	13	Alexander Haeseler	67	7	22
7 Dec.	20	John Frank Putnam	42	4	11

Marriages

1 May	7	Freeman Maxwell Scott	Westhampton
		Eleanor Ruth Corless	Chelsea, Mass.
2 May	28	Paul Cornelius Degnan	Worcester, Mass.
		Suzanne Gladieux Lorens	Worcester, Mass.
3 June	26	Charles Henry Muise	Northampton, Mass.
		Ann Elizabeth Cranson	Northampton, Mass.

Aug. 20	Edward Omasta Carolyn Louise Cranson	Northampton, Mass. Northampton, Mass.
Aug. 27	Henry Philias Derouin Janet Tileston Nichols	Westhampton Southampton, Mass.
Sept. 24	Stanley H. Galusza Elizabeth Fiske	Northampton, Mass. Westhampton

Dog Account

47 Males @ \$2.00	\$94.00
6 Females @ \$5.00	30.00
19 Spayed Females @ \$2.00	38.00
2 Kennel @ \$10.00	20.00
	———— \$182.00
Paid Town Treasurer	\$167.20
Retained 74 fees @ 20c	14.80
	———— \$182.00

Fish and Game Licenses

28 Residence Fishing @ \$2.00	\$ 56.00
36 Resident Hunting @ \$2.00	72.00
33 Resident Sporting @ \$3.25	107.25
18 Resident Women and Minor Fishing @ \$1.25	22.50
1 Non-resident 3-day Fishing @ \$1.50	1.50
1 Non-resident Fishing @ \$5.25	5.25
2 Duplicate @ \$.50	1.00
	———— \$265.50

Free licenses	
6 Sporting and trapping	
1 Old Age Assistance Fishing	
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$236.25
Retained 117 Fees @ 25c	29.25
	———— \$265.50

D. L. JUDD,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE
Town Treasurer

December 31, 1949

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1949	\$18,035.94
Less Stabilization Fund	1,032.05
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Corrected Balance, January 1, 1949	\$17,003.89
Taxes	
1948 Real Estate	\$ 2,022.99
Personal Property	826.72
Excise	33.48
1949 Real Estate	11,930.38
Personal Property	6,138.00
Excise	1,862.16
Poll	258.00
Interest on Taxes	
1948	62.18
1949	8.38
Demands	
1948	3.15
1949	.35
Warrants	
1948	3.00
1949	.50
Highways	
From Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Ch. 81, 1948 Work	1,113.06
1949 Work	6,193.12
Ch. 90, Maintenance, 1948 Work	998.54
1949 Work	1,000.00
Ch. 90, Construction, 1948 Work	7,400.00

Interest from Trust Funds	
Cemetery	61.13
Whiting Street	24.15
Wright	17.50
Thayer	17.50
Interest from Town Funds	115.00
Interest Accrued on Bonds	14.16
Sale of Bonds	15,000.00
 Miscellaneous Income	
Revolver Permits	3.50
Junk Dealer's License	2.00
Soft Drink License	1.00
Victualer's Licenses	2.00
Inn Holder's License	1.00
Used Car Dealer's License	5.00
Return on Barrels (American Tar Co.)	15.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	3.45
Discounts taken	1.08
Withholding Taxes	552.88
Retirement Deductions	125.05
 Total 1949 Income	\$ 91,371.08
	 \$108,374.97

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$71,941.10
Paid School Committee Orders	18,199.85
Balance on Hand January 1, 1950	18,234.02
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	\$108,374.97
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Outstanding Taxes

1948 Personal Property	\$ 104.60
1949 Real Estate	2,309.42
Personal Property	761.00
Excise	336.47
Polls	2.00
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	\$ 3,513.49
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Road Machine Account

Balance January 1, 1949	\$1,946.47
Income	2,240.75
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	4,187.22
Expenses	1,973.08
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	\$2,214.14
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Funds Held in Trust by the Town

Cemetery	Interest Drawn in 1949
\$2,000.00 Lucy Langdon	\$40.00
500.00 O. C. Bridgman	8.75
100.00 Myra G. Strong	1.75
100.00 George Burt	1.75
100.00 Sarah Cook	1.75
100.00 Samuel Edwards	1.75
100.00 A. L. Searle	1.75
100.00 Emma G. Damon	1.75
50.00 D. L. Brown	.88
50.00 Susan A. Loud	1.00
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	\$61.13
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Worthy Poor		
\$1,380.85 Whiting Street		\$24.15
1,000.00 Wright		17.50

		\$41.65

Thayer		
\$1,000.00 ($\frac{1}{2}$ int. to Town and $\frac{1}{2}$ int. to Parish)		\$17.50

Stabilization Fund Chapter 124 acts of 1945		
Balance January 1, 1949		\$1,032.05
Interest 1949		18.13

Balance January 1, 1950		\$1,050.18

RALPH S. BRIDGMAN

Treasurer

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of ninety thousand, one hundred forty dollars and ninety-five cents (\$90,140.95), for which vouchers are on file, and a balance on hand of eighteen thousand, two hundred thirty-four dollars and two cents (\$18,234.02). Due from Ralph S. Bridgman, tax collector, 1948 personal property tax one hundred four dollars and sixty cents (\$104.60), 1949 real estate tax two thousand, three hundred nine dollars and forty-two cents (\$2,309.42), personal property tax seven hundred sixty-one dollars and no cents (\$761.00), Excises three hundred thirty-six dollars and forty-seven cents (\$336.47), and polls two dollars (\$2.00).

JEAN W. NORRIS

Auditor

REPORT OF THE
Board of Selectmen

Town Officers

Mass. Selectmen's Association Dues	\$ 10.00
Mass. Collectors' & Treasurers' Dues	2.00
Mass. Assessors' Association Dues	6.00
Gertrude Flint, Registrar and Typing	12.50
Myron M. Clapp, Cattle Inspector	50.00
Myron M. Clapp, Meat Inspector	36.00
Hampshire County Dues	6.00
William M. Fiske, Moderator	10.00
D. L. Judd, Dues and Recorder	4.00
D. L. Judd, Town Clerk	150.00
R. S. Bridgman, Treasurer and Collector	425.00
C. R. Burt, Selectman	150.00
Donald B. Lyman, Selectman	125.00
W. M. Fiske, Selectman	100.00
F. W. Blakesley, Selectman	29.50
F. W. Blakesley, Registrar	30.00
John C. Hathaway, Assessor	125.00
F. H. Burr, Assessor	100.00
Philip Norris, Assessor	100.00
Ellis Hover, School Committee	60.00
Howard Loud, School Committee	60.00
Estelle Frary, School Committee	80.00
F. W. Judd, Sealer of Weights & Measures	10.00
Edith Blakesley, Copying Town Orders	15.00
James O. Hickey, Dog Officer	10.00
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	\$1,706.00

Town Hall

Richard Tracy, Janitor	\$75.00
F. A. Loud, Lumber and Labor	22.97
Alpurlipe Co., Lamps	.95
John Cernak, Jr., Fuel Oil	32.49
W. M. Fiske, Broom Handle	.78
Carl's Service Shop, Sharpen Mower	2.50
Western Mass. Electric Co.	45.52
Howard Williams, Janitor	16.51
	————
	\$196.72

Gypsy Moth

Andrew Gardner	\$36.00
Myron Hathaway	36.00
Ernest Witherell	36.00
Walter Witherell, Supt.	62.50
Walter Witherell, Mileage	4.40
	————
	\$174.90

Town Hall Building Account

Frank S. Stuart, Plans and Specifications	\$ 350.00
Freeman Scott, Bulldozer	20.00
Azarie Martinbeault, Bond	187.00
Azarie Martinbeault, Payment on Account	11,695.00
John Putman, Express	.75
Joe Lococo, Mason Work	225.00
Oliver Bishop, Labor on Lawn	96.00
C. H. Winslow, Jr., Electrician	147.73
Ernest Brissett, Painting	823.60
C. H. Winslow, Jr., Electrician	130.63
Richard Tracy, Supplies	27.00
Greybar Electric, Electric Supplies	291.50
Ward Miller, Heating System	1,442.00
	————
	\$15,298.98

Memorial Day

Ellis Hover, Supplies	\$23.05
M. Grant Chandler, Speaker	10.00
	———— \$33.05

Town Garage Floor

Joseph Lococo & Son, Cement Floor	\$440.00
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Road Machine Building

Federal Supply Co., Linseed Oil	\$ 18.75
Joseph Lococo & Son, Mason	1,400.00
Azarie Martinbeault, Labor & Material	1,732.00
Manchester Co., Turpentine Brushes	7.42
Azarie Martinbeault, Glass	7.20
Eastern States Farmers Exchange, Supplies	24.35
Smith Glass & Mirror Co., Supplies	100.00
Richard Williams, Labor & Material	224.80
James O. Hickey, Labor	73.00
Albert J. Molitoris, Doors	700.00
	———— \$4,287.52

Truck Account

Hector A. Arel Co.	\$450.00
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Cemetery Account

Stanley Bartlet	\$200.00
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The Library Account

The H. R. Huntting Co., Books	\$ 84.00
C. M. Norris, Wood	21.00
National Geographic Society, Magazines	4.25
Eastern States Farmers Exchange, Paint	18.24
Edith E. Grant, Magazines	38.75
James R. Clapp, Paint	7.66
George Knight, Janitor	25.00
Marion Mascho, Librarian	59.04
	———— \$257.94

Contingent Fund

Greater Boston Community Council	
Social Service Index	\$ 3.00
Myron M. Clapp, Jr., Excise Abatement	10.47
Treas. of Hampshire County Petition to relocate Road	3.00
Charles R. Burt, Filing Petition with County Commissioners	3.00
Joseph N. Donais, Town Attorney	45.00
Westhampton Water Co., Wate at Cemetery	5.00
Raymond A. Warner, Register of Deeds	4.50
Arthur T. & Rose Alma Cotnoir, Land Damage	25.00
Louise Bridgman, Tax Abatement	2.06
Edward, Jr. & Frank Montague, Tax Abatement	18.94
W. R. Witherell, Dutch Elm Disease & Labor	10.00
Western Mass. Electric Co., Lights	1.53
Philip Ripa, Wild Cat Bounty	10.00
Hickey & Williams, Installing Hydrant	25.00
Gedion G. Pepin, Excise Tax Abatement	14.46
	————
	\$180.96

Interest, Insurance, and Bonds

E. Ray Ashley, Truck Insurance	\$ 30.34
Sanders' Ins. Agency, Deputy Tax Collector	5.00
Pease & Co., Weights & Measures	18.11
Sanders' Ins. Agency, Treas. Bond	16.50
Sanders' Ins. Agency, Collectors Bond	24.00
Sanders' Ins. Agency, Clerks Bond	7.50
Pease & Co., Town Hall Ins.	58.75
Pease & Co., Workman's Compensation	545.64
Commonwealth of Mass.	30.00
American Bank Note Co.	41.00
King & Cushman, Movie Projector	5.88
	————
	\$782.72

Public Welfare

Case No. 40	\$209.00
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Special Hose Account

American LaFrance Foamite, Hose	\$1,188.00
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Fire Department

American LaFrance Foamite Corp., Hose	\$ 485.10
American LaFrance Foamite Corp., Pat., Connection, & Plate	26.86
Ward Miller, Oil Burner & Tank	475.00
James R. Shea, Fire Truck	2,000.00
W. N. Potter's Grain Store, Cement	5.25
Walter Witherell, Oil & Prestone	9.50
Charles R. Burt, Supplies	2.36
Federal Supplies Co., Rope	6.30
	—————
	\$3,010.37

Employee Retirement

Treas. of Hampshire County	\$203.46
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Withholding Tax

Collector of Internal Revenue	\$434.15
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Taxes

Treas. of Hampshire County	\$1,764.48
Treas. of Mass.	42.79
	—————
	\$1,807.27

Dog Licenses

Treasurer of Hampshire County	\$124.40
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Diphtheria Clinic

Mrs. Ruth Hover, R. N.	\$26.00
Herman Felsen, M. D.	25.00
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	\$51.00

Well Child Clinic

Mrs. Ruth Hover, R. N.	\$30.00
Herman Felsen, M. D.	30.00
	————
	\$60.00

Trust Funds

Cemetery Fund, Mrs. Barbara Judd, Treasurer	\$01.13
Street & Wright Fund, Miss Frances Loud, Treasurer	41.65
Thayer Fund, R. S. Bridgman, Collector	8.75
R. H. Tracy, Parish Treasurer	8.75
	————
	\$120.28

Printing & Supplies

Harlow & Fennessey, Note Book	\$ 3.85
Albert I. Cartledge, Blank Books	12.60
Harlow & Fennessey, Paper	1.45
R. S. Bridgman, Postage	11.77
H. S. Gere & Sons Inc., Bids for Town Hall	3.07
Metcalf Printing & Pub. Co., Permits	4.00
Ruth E. Manning, Property transfer cards	17.71
Metcalf Printing & Pub. Co., Town Reports	151.20
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., Assessor's Supplies	26.73
Mark Supple, Treas. Supplies	35.16
Mark Supple, Tax Collector's Supplies	17.30
Commissioner of Public Safety, Revolver purchase permits	.50
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., Forms	3.83
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., Collectors Supplies	2.92
The Barrie Gazette Press, Collectors Supplies	11.80
D. L. Judd, Town Clerk Supplies	5.42
Metcalf Printing & Pub. Co., Selectmen Supplies	33.00
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., Selectmen Supplies	3.49

Hobbs & Warren, Inc., Collector's Supplies	.80
W. & L. E. Gurley, Receipt &	
Record Book	16.07
D. L. Judd, Town Clerk Supplies	.87
The Todd Co., Inc., Ribbon for Check	
Protector	3.90
D. L. Judd, Postage	1.51
F. W. Blakesley, Telephone & Postage	25.25
C. R. Burt, Telephone & Postage	9.11
R. S. Bridgman, Postage	9.21
J. C. Hathaway, Telephone & Postage	2.71
	————
	\$415.23

Road Machinery

A. W. Stuart, Blacksmithing	\$ 12.25
Perkins-Eaton Co., Blade & Repair Parts	43.94
Perkins-Eaton Co., Blade & Repair Parts	43.94
Richard Warren, Parts	5.00
Richard Warren, Labor	82.50
F. N. Graves & Son, Frame & Labor on	
Plow	205.45
Hector A. Arel Co., Servicing Truck	63.95
John Cernak, Jr., Fuel Oil	119.44
John Cernak, Jr., Servicing	43.45
Sears Roebuck, Wrenches	6.49
The Walsh Holyoke Boiler Works, Blades	73.80
The Walsh Holyoke Boiler Works,	
Hydraulic Unit	135.80
E. F. Edson Co., Snow Plow Blades	175.50
Donald B. Lyman, Truck Body	91.65
J. Russell & Co., Hardware	80.82
Holyoke Iron Works, Iron	6.50
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., Gasoline	65.26
Cernak Farm Supply, Gasoline	103.03
Olver Bishop, Labor	41.20
F. W. Blakesley, Labor	7.50
F. S. Parsons & Son, Servicing Truck	1.50

F. S. Parsons & Son, Gear Oil	5.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	2.25
Clayton Bushey, Labor	12.50
Philip Pinard, Spark Plugs	1.18
Cernak Buick, Servicing Truck	9.40
Thouin's Welding Service	85.50
Robert B. Denden, Parts	10.10
Plumb Auto Supply, Truck Chains	17.67
John Skubiszewski, Blacksmithing	7.50
C. R. Burt, Ext. Cord	4.95
C. R. Burt, Truck Reg.	2.00

	\$1,523.08

Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work

F. W. Blakesley	\$227.50
Richard Warren	826.52
Oliver Bishop	469.78
George Payson	73.50
Machine Fund	214.50
Webster Judd	21.00
Herbert Williams	7.50
W. N. Potter	54.00
William M. Fiske	151.36
Bill Willard	4.59
George Burt	6.00
James O. Hickey	1.50
Robert Norris	3.00
Philip Norris	2.25
Frank Monson	1.50
Stephen LaValley	3.75
Raymond Pinard	3.00
Edward Balise	29.25
Freeman Scott	502.77
Walter Lacombe	20.25
A. E. Witherell	16.50
Myron Hathaway	22.75
Ernest Witherell	25.40

	\$2,688.17

Chapter 81

F. W. Blakesley	\$1,255.00
Machine Fund	1,376.50
Frank Montague	493.50
Edward Balise	363.75
George Payson	444.75
A. E. Witherell	127.50
Arthur Gardner	73.50
Michael Ficket	164.25
Clifford Payson	48.00
Daniel Krug	152.25
Maxwell Fiske	24.00
Ernest Fairman	138.00
Oliver Bishop	1,184.50
Edward Omasta	1,186.00
F. W. Judd	28.50
Freeman Scott	172.50
Richard Warren	708.00
Fred Pinard	4.50
Raymond Pinard	3.00
Walter Lacombe	78.00
	—————
	\$8,026.00

Chapter 81 Material

H. J. Payson	\$ 406.30
Ada Williams	1.00
Lane Construction Corp.	71.70
New England Metal Culvert Co.	638.44
Joseph Sarafin	18.00
American Tar	2,106.49
Bill Willard, Grit & Asphalt	484.40
Foster-Farrar, Bolts & Washers	4.15
Philip Pinard, 164 Gal. Oil	29.52
Easthampton Lumber Co., Lumber	120.96
John S. Lane & Son, Inc.	18.35
	—————
	\$3,899.31

Special Flood Account

F. W. Blakesley	\$ 252.50
George Payson	97.50
Herbert Williams	42.00
Myron Hathaway	8.25
Ernest Witherell	15.75
Oliver Bishop	138.00
Freeman Scott	367.00
Edward Balise	60.00
A. E. Witherell	24.00
Frank Montague	12.00
John Donovan, Jr.	166.00
Machine Fund	156.75
	—————
	\$1,339.75

Special Flood Account--Material

H. J. Payson, Gravel	\$ 15.30
Ernest Witherell	3.00
New England Metal Culvert Co.	142.34
	—————
	\$160.64

Chapter 90 Construction—Material

New England Metal Culvert Co.	\$1,705.10
Sydney Cole, Gravel	23.00
Valentine Concrete Co., Inc., Concrete	396.00
W. N. Potter Stores, Inc.	17.49
Bisbee Bros., Coil Wire	8.50
Warner Bros. Inc., Dynamite & Caps	11.12
H. J. Payson, Gravel	23.80
Manchester Co., 50 lbs. Nails	5.00
State Prison Colony Industries, Posts	105.00
Community Feed Stores, Cement	13.20
American Tar Co.	20.70
J. Russel & Co., Bolts & Washers	17.62
	—————
	\$2,346.53

Chapter 90

E. W. Blakesley	\$ 342.50
Edward Balise	168.00
M. Ficket	6.00
George Payson	195.00
Oliver Bishop	558.00
Machine Fund	234.00
L. H. Cranson	386.00
M. Sabo	435.75
R. C. Wells	291.25
F. Pinard	48.00
H. Snyder	48.00
Maxwell Fiske	656.00
N. Bates	36.00
A. Banett	6.00
R. Warren	111.00
F. W. Judd	6.00
Frank Montague	12.00
Warren Bros.	73.00
M. Clarke	42.00
	—————
	\$3,654.50

Chapter 90 Construction**Balance from 1948**

E. W. Blakesley	\$ 163.75
Oliver Bishop	81.25
George Payson	30.00
Richard Warren	6.25
Edward Balise	13.50
A. E. Witherell	51.00
Freeman Scott	303.00
Frank Montague	57.00
Machine Fund	64.00
Edward Omasta	76.50
Arthur Gardner	51.00
John Donovan	240.00
	—————
	\$1,137.25

Chapter 90 Construction & Road Material
Balance from 1948

E. L. Conwell & Co., Testing Cement	\$ 3.76
E. A. Montague, Sand	13.50
American Tar Co., 4550 Gals. Tar	784.78
	————
	\$802.04

Chapter 90 Maintenance

F. W. Blakesley	\$ 163.75
Arthur Gardner	10.50
M. Ficket	52.50
Oliver Bishop	177.00
H. Parsons	48.00
Edward Balise	42.75
Edward Omasta	72.00
Machine Fund	138.00
Daniel Krug	63.00
George Payson	87.00
Clifford Payson	18.00
Richard Warren	88.50
Frank Montague	12.00
Freeman Scott	99.00
	————
	\$1,072.00

Chapter 90 Maintenance Material

Bill Willard, Asphalt	\$ 64.95
Bill Willard, Grit	374.16
American Tar Co.	1,485.75
H. J. Payson	4.80
	————
	\$1,929.66

Bridges and Railings

F. W. Blakesley	\$105.00
Oliver Bishop	12.00
Edward Balise	21.00
Machine Fund	57.00
F. W. Judd	33.00
George Payson	46.50

M. Ficket	3.00
Daniel Krug	6.00
Manchester Co., Paint & Brushes	8.39
A. E. Delisle, Stringers	10.00
Donald B. Lyman, Posts	100.00
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	\$401.89

Old Age Assistance

Case No.	Amount
14	\$ 720.34
16	590.53
17	234.00
18	714.90
21	657.55
26	546.70
27	613.65
28	559.65
30	691.83
31	307.10
32	479.05
33	500.45
34	554.65
36	675.85
37	547.70
38	878.75
39	85.80
40	365.80
41	383.65
42	528.98
43	110.72
44	77.03
	— —
	\$10,824.68

Administration Expense

Salary, Estelle E. Frary	\$450.00
Postage	32.29
Stationery and Printed Forms	13.06
Toll Calls	2.65
Travel (out of town) 40 mi. @ 7c	2.80
Dues and dinner Western Mass. Relief Officers Ass'n	2.85
	—————
	\$503.65

Recapitulation

Town Officers	\$ 1,706.00
Town Hall	196.72
Gypsy Moth	174.90
Town Hall Building Account	15,298.98
Memorial Day	33.05
Town Garage Floor	440.00
Road Machine Building	4,287.52
Truck	450.00
Cemetery Account	200.00
Library Account	257.94
Contingent Fund	180.96
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	782.72
Public Welfare	209.00
Special Hose Account	1,188.00
Fire Account	3,010.37
Employee Retirement	203.46
Withholding Tax	434.15
Taxes	1,807.27
Dog Licenses	124.40
Diphtheria Clinic	51.00
Well Child Clinic	60.00
Trust Funds	120.28
Printing and Supplies	415.23
Road Machinery	1,523.08
Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work	2,688.17

Chapter 81	8,026.00
Chapter 81 Material	3,899.31
Special Flood Account	1,339.75
Special Flood Account Material	160.64
Chapter 90 Construction Material	2,346.53
Chapter 90	3,654.50
Chapter 90 Construction	
Balance from 1948	1,137.25
Chapter 90 Construction	
Balance from 1948 Road Material	802.04
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,072.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance Material	1,929.66
Bridges and Railings	401.89
Old Age Assistance	10,824.68
Administrative Expense	503.65

	\$71,941.10

Budget Recommendation for 1950

Public Schools	\$12,750.00
Highways, Chapter 81	690.00 ~675
Highways, Chapter 90	1,500.00
Highways, Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Town Officers	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, Well Child Clinic	75.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	1,000.00
Town Hall	1,000.00
Gypsy Moth	175.00
Dutch Elm Disease	100.00
Printing and Supplies	500.00
Library and Dog Fund	125.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Contingent Fund	225.00
Reserve Fund	600.00
Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work	3,000.00

Soldiers Relief	100.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	55.00
Public Welfare	500.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	300.00
Road Machinery	2,214.14
Travel Expense	100.00
Fire Department	300.00
Road Machinery Building	350.00
Hampshire County Retirement System	133.52
Repair Fountain	50.00
Recreation	

Names in the Jury Box

John C. Hathaway	Farmer
Arthur Dodge	Farmer
Charles G. Loud	Farmer
Enoch Perkins	Farmer
Philip J. Norris	Farmer
George H. Burt	Truck driver

Jurymen Who Served in 1949

Maurice Scott, Truck driver	Grand Juror
F. W. Judd, Laborer	Traverse Juror

CHARLES R. BURT
DONALD B. LYMAN
WILLIAM M. FISKE
Selectmen

Westhampton, Mass., December 31, 1949

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct, orders having been drawn to the amount of \$71,941.10 (seventy one thousand nine hundred forty-one dollars and ten cents) for which vouchers are on file.

JEAN W. NORRIS
Auditor

REPORT OF THE
Board of Assessors

1949

Raise and Appropriate

Schools	\$18,225.00
Highways, Chapter 81	690.00
Highways, Chapter 90	1,500.00
Highways, Chapter 90, maintenance	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Town Officers	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, Well Child Clinic	60.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	750.00
Town Hall	200.00
Gypsy Moth	175.00
Printing and Supplies	500.00
Library, dog fund plus	115.00
Contingent Fund	150.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Snow removal and sanding	3,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	200.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	200.00
Public Welfare	100.00
Fire Patrol	200.00
Cemetery	100.00
Travel expense	500.00
Fire protection equipment	500.00
New machinery Building	1,300.00
Hampshire County Retirement System	136.83
Public parking lot	200.00
To acquire a public dump	500.00

From balance in the treasury

Old Age Assistance	\$ 1,500.00
Snow removal, sanding and road work account	500.00
Constructing addition to Town Hall for renovations	5,000.00
Constructing road machinery building	2,000.00
Road machinery account	1,946.47
Chapter 81 (state share)	6,000.00
Chapter 90 (state and county share)	6,000.00
Chapter 90 maintenance (state and county share)	2,000.00
Machinery building fund	1,000.00
General funds	10.62
New equipment	450.00
Dog refund to Library	142.94
State parks and reservations	34.39
County tax	1,813.32
Overlay	1,070.00
	\$68,559.57
Estimated receipts and available funds	\$46,972.77
Net amount raised on polls and property	21,586.80
	\$68,559.57
Personal valuation	\$174,475.00
Real estate valuation	358,245.00
	\$532,720.00
Tax on personal property	\$ 6,979.00
Tax on real estate	14,329.80
Tax on polls	278.00
	\$21,586.80
Tax rate	\$40.00
December omitted assessment on real estate	48.00
Motor vehicle tax	2,258.55
Exemptions on real estate	112.00

Exemptions on polls	20.00
Abatement on real estate	172.00
Abatement on excise	119.65
Abatement on polls	4.00

From the Table of Aggregates

Year	Horses	Cows	Sheep	Goats	Neat Cattle	Swine	Fowl	Dwell- ings
1947	58	251	14	7	141	69	11,870	191
1948	51	285	7	9	154	38	8,470	194
1949	64	301	20	10	155	29	7,552	201

FREDERICK H. BURR
JOHN C. HATHAWAY
PHILIP J. NORRIS

Assessors

REPORT OF THE
Memorial Library

Receipts

Town appropriation	\$115.00
Dog tax refund	142.94
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	\$257.94

Expenditures

H. R. Huntting, books	\$84.00
G. H. Knight, janitor	25.00
Charles Norris, wood	21.00
James Clapp, paint	25.90
Marion Mascho, librarian	59.04
Edith Grant, magazines	38.75
National Geographic magazine	4.25
	————
	\$257.94

**Edward H. Montague Fund
Easthampton Savings Bank**

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1949	\$534.95
Interest	10.74
	————
	\$545.69

Expenditures

Book plates	\$ 3.00
H. R. Huntting, book	4.00
Balance, January 1, 1950	538.69
	————
	\$545.69

Trust Funds, Easthampton Savings Bank

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1949	\$925.69
Interest	99.42
	————
	\$1,025.11

Expenditures

Electricity	\$ 9.10
H. B. Lyman Co., furnace repair	75.00
Repair of basement, labor and supplies	30.65
H. R. Huntting, book	2.00
Care of the lawn	8.00
Howard Clapp, repair of the clock	2.50
Marion Mascho, librarian	40.96
	———— \$ 168.21
Bank balance, January 1, 1950	856.90
	————
	\$1,025.11

Circulation

Adult fiction	667
Adult non-fiction	225
Juvenile	1286
Magazines	551

Books borrowed from the Bookmobile

Adults	618
Juvenile	138

Eighty-six books were purchased. Gifts were received from Daniel Bridgman, Miss Louise Rood, Mrs. Neal, Miss Florence Delisle and Mrs. Richard Holden.

BARBARA I. JUDD
ELEANOR PUTNAM
GERTRUDE E. FLINT
CHRISTINE HICKEY
PHILIP J. CLAPP
HERBERT F. MASCHO

Board of Trustees

REPORT OF THE
School Committee

To the Citizens of Westhampton:

The school committee held a regular meeting, at the schoolhouse, each month during the year, with the exception of the month of July; and, also two special meetings.

On April 29, 1949, we attended the annual meeting of the joint school committee, held at Easthampton.

In June, Mr. Gordon P. Rowe, Jr. resigned his position as principal to accept a teaching position with the Dedham, Mass. school system. Mr. Frederick K. Fedor, of Easthampton, was chosen as his successor. Mr. Fedor is a graduate of American International College, Springfield, Mass., and furthered his study towards his Master's Degree, at Springfield College, during the summer of 1949.

We awarded a contract for the painting of the exterior of the schoolhouse, and this, plus minor repairs to the roof, was done during the summer recess.

More details of the activities of the school may be found in the following reports which deal with school affairs.

ELLIS T. HOVER, Chairman
ESTELLE E. FRARY, Secretary
HOWARD F. LOUD

REPORT OF THE
Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Westhampton:

I hereby present this, my fifth, annual report of the Public Schools of Westhampton. This is the fifty-ninth in the series.

The 1949-1950 (October 1, 1949) enrollment is, as follows:

Pre-primary and Grade 1	14 pupils
Grade 2	8 pupils
Grade 3	8 pupils
Grade 4	5 pupils
Grade 5	4 pupils
Grade 6	12 pupils
Grade 7	8 pupils
Grade 8	7 pupils
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TOTAL	66 pupils

Eighteen pupils are attending Northampton High School, six pupils are enrolled at Smith's Vocational School, and one is at Holyoke Trade School. In parochial schools 7 pupils are enrolled. Our present total enrollment in elementary and secondary schools is 98 pupils.

Westhampton pupils in attendance at Northampton High School are doing creditable work. Reports of marks for the first fall term showed only one failure in one subject. Reports from Smith's School show one pupil of the six doing work of doubtful quality.

Center School opened in the fall of 1949 with a new principal. Frederick Fedor. Mr. Gordon Rowe, who had been teacher-principal, resigned at the end of the 1948-1949 school year, to accept a position in the Dedham schools. Mr. Fedor, who succeeded Mr. Rowe, is a graduate of American International College, with a B. A. degree. He is doing an excellent

job in administering the school and teaching Grades 6, 7, and 8. His philosophy of education has permeated throughout the school, and many improvements, both educationally and physically, have been made. The reading of his report is recommended.

Only the necessary textbooks, needed for replacements, were purchased during the past year. We did buy, for use in science classes, a Science Kit. This kit enables the teacher and pupils to actually do experiments in science classes, thus making the work more interesting and meaningful.

During the summer the entire outside of the building was painted, and various other minor repairs were done at the same time. We now feel that our school is in good shape and looks presentable on the outside as well as on the inside. Much praise should be given to Mr. Fedor and his boys for their efforts in improving the playground and ball field. The girls, too, should be given credit for assisting in the project to beautify the grounds. The work that the students do on the school grounds and for the school develops within them a pride in their school. They have many plans to be put into action in the spring.

Recommendations by the Superintendent for the coming year are, as follows:

- New shades in all rooms
- Hot water in toilet rooms
- Increased hand-washing facilities in toilet rooms, not in corridor—that lavatory be moved to toilet room
- Broken urinals and flush closets be replaced
- A complete set of maps for intermediate classroom
- One new encyclopedia for upper grades
- Additions in all rooms to class libraries
- A committee to study the addition to the existing building of a classroom and all-purpose room

As your Superintendent I wish to report a satisfactory year. The children progress from grade to grade with the necessary groundwork in fundamentals, as evidenced by stand-

ardized achievement test results, and have time for educational films, current-events discussions, and other projects to enrich the regular school program.

The graduation program in June was one of dignity and purpose, as was the program at Christmas. The entire faculty should be commended for their effort in doing the little things for the children beyond their duties as teachers.

At this time I wish to thank the members of the School Committee for their support and assistance during the past year. The faculty, janitors, and all who have contributed to the school program, I also wish to thank.

We appreciate the assistance of all groups and individuals who have contributed their time and ideas toward making the Westhampton Center School a better school.

respectfully submitted

WILLIAM A. DEXTER

Superintendent of Schools

Attendance figures for the school year ending June, 1949:

	Whole Number Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance
Gordon P. Rowe, 6, 7, 8	27	25.89	23.92
Eleanor Putnam, 3, 4, 5	22	21.11	19.41
Rachel Bridgman, 1, 2	18	18.47	16.61
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Total	67	65.47	59.94

REPORT OF THE **School Principal**

To Mr. William A. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, and to the Citizens of Westhampton:

It is with pleasure that I hereby submit my first report for the past year. First of all, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you who have shown an interest in our school. Through the spirit of keen cooperation that exists between the various organizations and townspeople we are well on the road to a higher degree of perfection in our academic and social needs.

Through the grades, from pre-primary to junior high, we foster a spirit of purposeful learning of the rudiments that make for success in and out of school. In a wholesome atmosphere of insight, helpfulness, direction, and guidance we are kindling the "spark" of creativeness that is latent in every child. All teachers, administrators, and supervisors are working in one direction, this being the attainment of the maximum amount of scholastic development of your children.

The students of the school edit and publish a school newspaper which has been named the "WESTHAMPTON JUNIOR REVIEW." Students who previously lacked interest and facility in the language arts have found new meaning and significance in this work. Some of their writing is purposeful and inventive, and to these new students avenues to writing success becomes known.

During the Christmas season the student body under the supervision of the music supervisor, Mrs. Esther Clapp, staged a Christmas musical program at the newly renovated Town Hall. In the months to come, we are planning a three-act play and a minstrel program.

The 4-H program in the upper grades has gained impetus and direction in that the students by virtue of active partici-

pation are working for their club, community, and country with outstanding results. Their vocational attainments in this scope are of high merit.

Various physical improvements have been made in the recreational area, and students utilize the equipment during their recesses. Purchases of new equipment have made possible an expanded program and greater interest on the part of the children.

The curriculum in the upper grades includes the teaching of geometry and algebra for the preparation of the students for high school work. Because we live in a scientific age we have also added the study of science to the curriculum this year. A Science Kit, for use especially in the elementary grades, has been purchased. The equipment, of the best quality available, correlates with the grade science textbooks. It must be realized that all progressive cities, villages, and centralized school districts are teaching science in the grades. It must be admitted, also, that the elementary school graduate without introductory training in algebra, geometry, and science is at a distinct disadvantage when he goes to high school and is put in competition with students who have had this preparation.

This past year has also witnessed the growth of the Center School Parent-Teacher Association, the sole purpose of which is to unite parents, teachers, and other interested citizens of our community in an organization that has as its *only purpose the welfare of society's greatest asset—its children*. It offers to the educational system such constructive cooperation as will promote the interest of the child in all his relationships. With these salient points in mind we are going forward to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

Because learning is a process of growth and development we are endeavoring to guide your child to a higher degree of scholastic perfection and social betterment. Through industry and daily application of the tools of learning our students will

be more enthused, interested and benefited by their endeavors in and out of school.

In conclusion may I say that students are learning more in a shorter period of time with interest and effort. The following realizations permeate our entire educational program:

- 1) That each individual, no matter how poor or how gifted, merits respect and recognition for whatever he contributes to the classroom atmosphere.
- 2) That all children, even the very slow, will develop more rapidly in scholarship and cultivation of real life values in an atmosphere of friendliness, freedom, understanding, and activity.
- 3) That through the full cooperation of townspeople, parents, administrators, teachers, and students excellent results can be had and maintained, for in a model community and in an atmosphere of full-hearted cordial cooperation the children of WESTHAMPTON CENTER SCHOOL will realize the benefits of the finest education and preparation for advanced work that we can possibly give them.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK K. FEDOR

Principal

REPORT OF THE
Supervisor of Physical Education

To Mr. William A. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools:

The following is submitted as my report of the Physical Education program of the Westhampton Center School.

Sometimes there is the feeling in rural districts that the children get enough exercise in the walk to school and their chores at home. Even though this may be partly true, the fact remains that exercise is only one of the objectives of physical education.

In my teaching each month, I have tried to give the children opportunities to develop their ability to play in groups and to protect themselves from the play hazards. Also, I have continually stressed the value of correct posture and good sportsmanship. The latter, so that in games can win or face defeat with equally good grace, and also that he may be able to follow as well as lead in both play and work. Thus you see that the physical education program is more than a series of bending or walking exercises.

I commend Mr. Fedor and the citizens who helped him in the leveling off of the playground and the mowing of the play field; also, Mr. Fedor and the boys for their work in setting up the volley-ball and basket-ball posts and clearing a place for a base-ball diamond.

I recommend that the playground next to the building be further developed for the younger children, and the play field across the road for the older ones. It would be very advantageous if the field could be kept mowed the entire season. If the volley-ball and basket-ball courts could be adequately marked, it would add to the enjoyment and value of these games.

Although my work with the graduation program was rather minor, I recommend that this type of program be con-

tinued. It was both interesting and dignified, and the results certainly reflected the good work of both the teachers and the children.

I take this opportunity to thank the teachers and other members of the School Department who have helped make this program successful.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA H. GRAHAM

Supervisor of Physical Education

REPORT OF THE School Nurse

To Mr. William A. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools:

May I present to you my report of the health program at the Westhampton Center School for the year ended December 31, 1949.

In January the audiometer test for hearing was given, the machine having been loaned to us by the Northampton Chapter of the American Red Cross. There were no defects noted. The children were weighed and measured. There were several reported cases of chicken-pox and mumps.

Dr. Ross re-examined in the spring for dental defects and the work was done at his office. The students were transported by volunteers of the Mothers' Club.

In April, Dr. Felsen started the Diphtheria Clinic and a series of three injections were given to four pre-school children.

There were no representatives to Camp Hodgkins from Westhampton this past summer. There were seven families contacted but none seemed interested in the opportunity. The camp accommodates girls for one month and boys for one month and is free to children of Hampshire County.

The dental examination was done at the school by Dr. Ross in October. Due to poor lighting facilities at the school there have been additional cavities found upon office visits which were not discovered at the examination. There did seem to be less cavities at the time of examination particularly in those children having had fluorine treatments.

The Massachusetts Vision Test was given in October and parents of all children with defects were notified.

Dr. Felsen did the physical examinations in November. Parents were notified of any defects. The children were weighed and measured at this time.

It is becoming more difficult to make suitable arrangements for all the examinations being conducted at school. Under present conditions the eye examination must be done in a corridor which is not recommended. The Puretone audiometer which we shall use now is an individual hearing test requiring quietness. Heretofore this test was given in groups and meant taking over one classroom. By screening off the back room there was some degree of privacy for the physical examinations although the location of this room is not ideal for reasons of heat, light and ventilation.

In closing I wish to thank the teachers and parents for their cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. HOVER

School Nurse

REPORT OF THE
Supervisor of Music

During 1949 the music program of the Westhampton Center school has progressed satisfactorily. We have prepared a Christmas, Memorial Day and Graduation program besides doing regular classroom work.

However, new needs have arisen which should be met in 1950.

1. Song material for both grades 3-5, and grades 6-8. We have no adequate basic text book for music in the school.
2. Recordings for music appreciation should be acquired for the use of the whole school.
3. Some instrumental instruction should be provided in the Junior High, either in stringed or wind instruments for those interested and capable.

As always I have received the greatest cooperation from the teachers in our work. The newly organized Parent Teachers Association has already proven to be an added help to the School and its program.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTER STRONG CLAPP

REPORT OF THE **Well Child Conference**

The Well Child Conference was held in Westhampton, Wednesday, June 22, 1949 at the Church Parlors. It was conducted by Dr. Herman Felsen, examining physician, Miss Florence Gates, nutritionist, courtesy of the Hampshire County Extension Service, Mrs. Barbara Judd, registrar, and Mrs. Ruth Hover, nurse. The volunteer staff from the Westhampton Mothers Club were: Mrs. Eleanor Putnam, Mrs. Iris Blakesley, Mrs. Dorothy Loud, and Mrs. Margaret Wood.

There were 34 children examined as compared to 38 in 1948. New cases—12, Vaccinated—3, Physical defects found: Posture—2, Ear, Nose and Glands—11, Tonsils—9, Genitals—3, Feet—1, Malformations—2, Muscular development—1, Skin—2. Nutritional defects found: More vegetable—4, More fruit—1, Eating habits—3.

I wish to thank the Westhampton Mothers club who volunteer to provide the luncheon for the staff and transportation when necessary and help make this conference each year a success.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. HOVER, R.N.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	\$18,225.00
Expended in 1949	18,199.85
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\$ 25.15

Expenditures

Administration

William A. Dexter, Salary	\$321.50
Car Maintenance and Expenses	98.00
Mrs. Hickey, Census	15.00
Postage and Miscellaneous	9.25
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	443.75

Teachers' Salaries

Gordon P. Rowe	1,316.75
Frederick K. Fedor	960.00
Eleanor Putnam	1,940.00
Rachel Bridgman	1,940.00
Esther Clapp, Music	155.00
Edna Graham, Physical Education	160.00
W. L. Rinehart, Penmanship	135.00
Marion Mascho, Substitute	180.00
Alta Clapp, Substitute	6.00
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	6,792.75

Books 280.27

Supplies 340.93

Janitors' Salaries

Frank Blakesley	235.00
George Burt	205.00
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440.00

Fuel 313.76

Operating Expenses 288.97

Repairs and Replacements 435.46

Health		
Dr. Herman Felsen	100.00	
Dr. Abel Ross	5.00	
Ruth S. Hover, Nurse	137.50	
Medical Supplies	2.18	
	————	244.68
Transportation		
Elementary:		
Richard Warren	1,662.50	
Walter Witherell	879.50	
High and Vocational:		
Walter Witherell	2,232.00	
	————	4,774.00
Tuition		
High School:		
City of Northampton	2,757.21	
Town of Easthampton	90.00	
Vocational:		
Smiths School	813.93	
Holyoke Trade	8.98	
	————	3,670.12
Outlay		152.10
Miscellaneous		23.06
	————	
Total Expense for Schools for Year 1949		\$18,199.85

Receipts

Funds received in 1949 toward school expenses:	
Mass. School Fund, Chapter 70	5,508.81
Mass. School Fund, Chapter 71, Trans.	3,694.26
Superintendent's Salary and Travel	173.20
City of Northampton, Tuition	200.00
Mass. Vocational Ed. Refund	111.40
	————
	\$9,687.67
Net Cost of Maintaining Schools for 1949	\$8,512.18
Net Cost per Pupil	86.86

ESTIMATE OF THE BUDGET FOR 1950

Administration	\$443.75	\$500.00
Instruction		
Teachers' Salaries	6,792.75	7,900.00
Books	280.27	250.00
Supplies	340.93	250.00
Maintenance		
Janitors' Salaries	440.00	400.00
Fuel	313.76	300.00
Operating Expenses	288.97	150.00
Repairs and Replacements	435.46	500.00
General		
Health	244.68	300.00
Trans: High and Voc.	2,232.00	2,300.00
Elementary	2,542.00	2,800.00
Tuition: High	2,847.21	4,000.00
Vocational	822.91	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	23.06	50.00
Outlay	152.10	50.00
	\$18,199.85	
Total Budget for 1950		\$21,750.00
Estimated amount to be received from State Aid		9,000.00
Net Amount to be raised by Westhampton		\$12,750.00

REPORT OF THE Town Hall Committee

This project was undertaken with the hope of making our community building large enough, safe enough, and nice enough for the activities of the town, both now, and for years to come. With the cooperation of the contractors and architect, a lot of patience and assistance from the townspeople, and some effort on the part of the committee, we feel we have accomplished this.

Work on the building was started in the Spring of 1949 and was completed by the end of the year. The auditorium was lengthened twenty-five feet, increasing the floor area about 80%. A balcony was built at the rear of the hall between the coat rooms mainly to provide a place for the movie projector in compliance with regulations of the Dept. of Public Safety. The new stage was built using the original arch and curtain but with more space behind the scenery. The ell was moved to form part of the wing and, with eight feet added to it, now gives us a club room with fireplace, selectmen's room, dressing room, kitchenette, and toilets as well as another exit from the main hall. A new heater room was made under the addition, also a stairway and space for a shower room.

The \$20,000 appropriated was spent as follows:

General contract (Martinbeault & Lococo)	\$16,535.63
Heating (Ward Miller)	1,442.00
Electrical work (Greybar Elect. Co. & Chas. Winslow—electrician)	511.30
Painting (Ernest Brissette, labor and materials)	910.68
Architect (Frank Stuart)	350.00
Contractors Bond	187.00
Bulldozer work (Freeman Scott)	20.00
Grading (Oliver Bishop)	10.30
Miscellaneous supplies	27.00
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	\$19,994.11

For the above amount we obtained what we originally planned plus several added improvements. A new oil burning furnace with forced hot air was installed to heat the entire building instead of using the old wood furnace, with auxillary heat for the wing. Instead of adding to the old electrical wiring, the entire building was rewired with twelve circuits instead of the original four. Much credit for this goes to the men of the town who contributed many hours of labor.

Since we were able to provide constant heat in the wing, more and better plumbing than originally planned was installed. Modern flush toilets instead of the frostproof type, lavatories, kitchenette sink, and a drain for possible future showers in the basement were provided. A considerable amount of tile drain was laid around the new foundations. Insulating board was installed under the metal of the ceiling and side walls in the main hall addition.

Much credit for the success of this project goes to Mr. Frank Stuart. He not only was the architect, but served as a member of the committee, and donated many hours of his time supervising the contractors, conferring with state building inspectors, and solving difficulties to make it possible to obtain the extras and still keep within the money appropriated.

We wish to thank Mrs. Henry Ives and Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Clapp whose land adjoins the town hall lot. Their cooperation and patience were greatly appreciated.

We feel that, in this our improved town hall, we have added one more to the many things of which Westhampton can be proud. Let's not lose any of them no matter how hard we have to work or fight to keep them. It also adds one more to our many responsibilities. Let's not shirk them.

We hope you like it, we hope you use it, and we hope you take care of it.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE **Fire Department**

In compliance with Chapter 48, section 42 of the Massachusetts General Laws I hereby submit the first annual report of the condition and operation of the Fire Department.

The pumper purchased by the town arrived in September, 1949.

A course of instruction in the operation of the pumper and fire fighting was given by the Chief of the Easthampton Fire Department, Robert Ulm. The following volunteers completed the course and received a certificate from the State Board of Education, Department of Vocational Training: Chief, James Hickey; Deputy chief, Richard Warren; Deputy chief, Stanley Bartlett; Oliver Bishop; Howard Blakesley; Grant Bridgman; Charles Burt; Murray Clapp; Earl Gett; William Hunt; Webster Judd; Francis Loud; Donald Lyman; Frank Montague; Frank Munson; Philip Norris; Mahlon Parsons; Richard Tracy; Howard Williams; George Burt.

The men were divided into four groups, each group being responsible every fourth week for the maintenance and operation of the apparatus. The entire department responded to three drills. There were also twelve group drills. Total man hours spent on drills was 177, feet of hose laid was 5,800.

There were three alarms for fire during the year. The department answered a call October 22, 1949 at 2:40 P. M. to extinguish a blaze in the woodland south of Ralph Bridgman's place. On November 10 at 9:20 P. M. we were called to the two family farm house belonging to Heugh Bridgman for a chimney fire. The third call was December 4 at 6:50 A. M., a chimney fire at the home of Donald Lyman. Total man hours at fires was thirty-eight. Two service calls were made. On December 11 the chimney at the home of Mrs. Carrie Blakesley was cleaned. On the same day the pumper was used to fill the

reservoir at the home of Heugh Bridgman as his water supply line was frozen.

Deputy Chief Warren is responsible for the mechanical maintenance of the apparatus. His total time in servicing was 22 hours. Thirty-seven gallons of gasoline and five quarts of oil were used.

There are many things that would greatly benefit the department. Your attention is called to the following:

1. That the town vote to accept Sections 42 through 44 of Chapter 48.
2. That the town appropriate annually the sum of five hundred dollars until such time as there are sufficient funds for a Fire Department building.
3. That the town install a fire-phone system.

JAMES HICKEY

Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE
Inspector of Buildings

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN 1949

No. 1	Harold Hooker	New & Repairs	House
No. 2	Walter Lacombe	New	Storage Shed
No. 3	Ira Jourdan	New	House
No. 4	Nellie & Howard Harvey	New	Cottage
No. 5	Ernest Delisle	New	Addition to Shop
No. 6	Earl Gett	New	Poultry House
No. 7	Ira Jourdan	New	Garage
No. 8	Joseph Rigali	New	Cottage
No. 9	Charles Burt	New	Coal Storage
No. 10	Cliften Ewing	New	Garage
No. 11	Cliften Ewing	New	Poultry and Dairy
No. 13	Harold Lacombe	New	House
No. 14	Morris & Estelle Frary	Remodeling old building	Cottage
No. 15	Arthur Cotnoir	New	Garage
No. 16	Harry B. Hess	Removal	Garage
No. 17	William Hunt	New	Garage
No. 18	Mrs. A. R. Hodder	New	House
No. 19	Enoch Perkins	New	Brooder House
No. 20	Enoch Perkins	New	Sugar House
No. 21	Roger Clapp	New	Garage & Shed

DONALD B. LYMAN

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
Balance Sheet—September 20, 1949

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets	Liabilities and Reserves
Cash	\$28,399.01
Payroll Deductions:	
Federal Taxes	\$63.30
County Retirement System	12.32

	\$75.62
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1948	232,60
Levy of 1949:	
Polls	\$26.00
Personal Property	6,667.40
Real Estate	8,479.80

	15,173.20
	County Tax
	1,658.70
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:	
Levy of 1949	516.78
Departmental:	
Old Age Assistance	264.24
Dog Licenses—Due County	24.60
Trust Fund Income:	
Totman Cemetery Gen. Care	\$20.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	.50

	20.50

Aid to Highways:
State \$8,344.09
County 1,000.00

9,344.09

Accrued Interest on Town Hall
Addition Loan
14.16

825.50

Estimated Receipts, to be collected
4,250.33

Road Machinery Earnings
825.50

Federal Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Aid	\$ 47.20
Administration	2.10

Old Age Assistance:

Assistance	1,155.19
Administration	108.46

1,312.95

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Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

General	\$35,408.30
World War II Photos	50.00
Public Dump	500.00
Fire Equipment	2,534.65

38,492.95

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Articles in the Town Warrant

TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1950

Ten A. M. — Prompt

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 4. To choose all necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 6. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

Article 7. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 highways, Chapter 90 highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a sanding machine.

Article 12. To request that the moderator appoint or the voters elect a five-man committee to be known as the School Building Committee, this article recommended by the School Committee.

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